

**NEW LONDON POLICE UNION**  
**AFSCME LOCAL 724**  
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**March 8, 2010**

**To the Honorable Members of the Energy and Technology Committee**

**Testimony in Support of SB-417**

**As an executive board member of the New London Police Union I would like to extend our support of SB-417 "An Act Concerning Call Centers and The Timely repair of Public Utility Poles".**

**In many cases our police officers are tied up for many hours on downed utility poles that result from car accidents as well as natural disasters. This bill would provide a mechanism to ensure these poles are fixed in the most expedited manner possible. This in turn will free up our emergency personnel to handle other emergency calls for service.**

**Please accept this letter as formal testimony to be included in the bill.**

**Sincerely,**

**Charles Flynn**  
**Executive Board**  
**New London Police Union**  
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